IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

THURSDAY, THE TWENTY FOURTH DAY OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE K.C. BHANU

WRIT PETITION NO : 6226 of 2005

Between:

Palla Srinivasa Rao, S/o.Venkateswarlu,
R/o.H.No.4-14-86/8, Amaravathi Road,
Behind Anjaneya Swamy Temple, Guntur District.

..... PETITIONER

AND

1 The Regional Manager, APSRTC, Guntur region, Guntur District.
2 The Depot Manager, APSRTC, Guntur -I Bus Depot, Guntur

District.

.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue an order, direction of writ of more particularly one in the nature of writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the 2nd respondent in issuing the proceedings NO.M1/2(16)/97-GNT-I, dt.08-10-1998 as illegal, arbitrary and unjust and consequently set aside the proceedings No.M1/2(16)/97-GNT-I, dt.08-10-1998 issued by the 2nd respondent and direct the respondents to pay consequential benefits.

Counsel for the Petitioner:MR.PEETA RAMAN

Counsel for the Respondent Nos.1 and 2: MR.R.MANMADHA REDDY

The Court at the admission stage made the following O R D E R:

Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned standing counsel appearing for the respondents.

The petitioner questions the order dated 08.10.1998 imposing punishment of postponement of annual increment for a period of one year, which shall have the effect of postponing the future increments.

The petitioner contends that imposing the punishment of postponement of increments with cumulative effect is a major penalty and the same cannot be imposed without conducting any enquiry.

This Court in **S.K.Mastan v. Managing Director, APSRTC**, held that imposition of punishment of postponement of increments with cumulative effect is a major penalty and the same cannot be imposed unless preceded by an enquiry.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and following the above judgment, I am inclined to modify the punishment imposed on the petitioner to that of postponement of one annual increment without cumulative effect.

Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of modifying the punishment imposed on the petitioner to that of postponement of one annual increment, which shall not have the effect of postponing the future increments. No costs.

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(K.C.BHANU,J)

Dt:24.03.2005

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